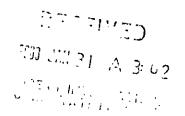
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Rule 12g3-2(b) Exemption of Kobe Steel, Ltd.,

File number:82-3371



Dear Madam/Sir:

In connection with Kobe Steel, Ltd.'s exemption pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) from the registration and reporting requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and in compliance with its ongoing requirements under Rule 12g3-2(b)(iii), please find enclosed a copy of the Company's release today covering

"ISSUANCE OF DOMESTIC UNSECURED YEN BONDS"

Thank you for your assistance in handling it as required.

Sincerely yours,

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ISSUANCE OF DOMESTIC UNSECURED YEN BONDS

Kobe Steel, Ltd. hereby gives notice that it has decided to issue Domestic Unsecured Yen Bonds under the terms as set forth below:

I. Domestic Unsecured Yen Bonds due 23 January 2013

1. Name:

Kobe Steel, Ltd.

Series 47 Unsecured Bonds

(Limited Inter-Bond Pari Passu Clause)

2. Total Amount of Issue: 10 Billion Yen

Denomination of Bond:

100,000,000 Yen each

Interest Rate:

1.19% per annum of the principal of the Bonds

Issue Price:

100% of the principal amount of the Bonds

Redemption Price: 6.

100% of the principal amount of the Bonds

Maturity Date:

To be redeemed in a lump sum on 23 January 2013

8. Offering Period:

17 January 2008

9. Closing Date:

23 January 2008

10. Method of Issue:

Public offering in the domestic market

11. Date of Payment of

Interest on the Bonds:

Semiannually on 23 January and 23 July

12. Status of the Bonds:

Unsecured by assets or guarantees

13. Fiscal Agent:

Mizuho Corporate Bank, Ltd.

Underwriters: 14.

Mizuho Securities Co., Ltd.

Use of Proceeds:

bonds

To be applied mainly toward the redemption of

and also repayment of loans

II. Domestic Unsecured Yen Bonds due 23 January 2018

1. Name: Kobe Steel, Ltd.

Series 48 Unsecured Bonds

(Limited Inter-Bond Pari Passu Clause)

2. Total Amount of Issue: 10 Billion Yen

3. Denomination of Bond: 100,000,000 Yen each

4. Interest Rate: 1.81% per annum of the principal of the Bonds

5. Issue Price: 100% of the principal amount of the Bonds

6. Redemption Price: 100% of the principal amount of the Bonds

7. Maturity Date: To be redeemed in a lump sum on 23 January 2018

8. Offering Period: 17 January 2008

9. Closing Date: 23 January 2008

10. Method of Issue: Public offering in the domestic market

11. Date of Payment of

Interest on the Bonds: Semiannually on 23 January and 23 July

12. Status of the Bonds: Unsecured by assets or guarantees

13. Fiscal Agent: The Bank of Tokyo Mitsubishi UFJ, Ltd.

14. Underwriters: Mizuho Securities Co., Ltd.

Use of Proceeds:

bonds

To be applied mainly toward the redemption of

and also repayment of loans

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